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C O N F I D E N T I A L CARACAS 8484

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ELAB PEPR NI  
SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN LABOR MOVEMENT CONFIRMS ACTION SUPPORTING  
NICARAGUAN STRIKE

REF: (A) MEXICO 14599, (B) CARACAS 8287

1. MANUEL PENALVER, INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY OF THE CONFEDERATION OF VENEZUELAN WORKERS (CTV) CONFIRMED TO THE PRESS SEPTEMBER 4 THE CTV'S AGREEMENT TO SEND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO STRIKING TRADE UNIONISTS IN NICARAGUA (SEE REFTELS). PENALVER REFERRED TO THE VISIT OF NICARAGUAN TRADE UNIONIST MARIANO MENDOZA ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT NAME HIM. HE NOTED THE CONTINUING BOYCOTT BY VENEZUELAN PETROLEUM AND PORT WORKERS IN HANDLING OIL AND OTHER CARGO SHIPMENTS TO NICARAGUA (SEE CARACAS 1098 - NOTAL) AND THE BOYCOTT ON HANDLING PHONE CALLS FROM VENEZUELA TO NICARAGUA CONDUCTED BY VENEZUELAN TELEPHONE WORKERS AND INSTITUTED BY FETRADEL IN ITS TRIENNIAL CONGRESS HELD IN APRIL.

2. FINALLY PENALVER REFERRED TO CTV PLANS TO ESTABLISH  
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CONTACT WITH THE AFL-CIO TO ENCOURAGE IT TO LEND SUPPORT TO THE GENERAL STRIKE IN NICARAGUA. PENALVER TOLD THE LABOR ATTACHE SEPTEMBER 7 THAT THE CTV HAD NOT YET CONTACTED THE AFL-CIO BUT PLANNED TO DO SO "NEXT WEEK." HE AFFIRMED THE CTV'S INTEREST IN WORKING THROUGH ORIT IN ASSISTING NICARAGUAN STRIKES BUT SAID HE HAD NOT YET BEEN IN DIRECT TOUCH WITH ORIT ON THIS MATTER.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION  
DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE ON AFL-CIO POLICY TOWARD GENERAL STRIKE  
IN NICARAGUA.  
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